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Department Of Health And Human Services
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Dear Sirs & Madams:

The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council is a membership and service organization comprised of more than 100 hospitals and health care organizations working together to improve the quality of health care services in the metropolitan Chicago area. The Council's Environment of Care Subcommittee of the Committee on Clinical, Administrative, Professional & Emergency Services appreciates the opportunity to comment on the *Hospital Bed System Dimensional Guidance to Reduce Entrapment*.

Subcommittee members all agreed that the document was helpful and that it provides needed standards. They also believed that the standards should be applicable across the board and should be all encompassing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you need clarification, please contact me at 312/906-6061 or via e-mail: lonell@mchc.com.

Sincerely,

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